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Subject: Draft NIST WTC Report

Gentlemen:

National Elevator Industry, Inc. (NEII) has reviewed the draft report including recommendations. NEII is intentionally not commenting in an elaborate way as we are awaiting the final report from ASME A17 Emergency Operations Committee Task Groups on the Use of Elevators in a Fire, which includes representatives from the elevator industry, AHJ's, ICC, NFPA, NIST, fire fighters, fire protection engineers, disability organizations, consultants, etc.

- Recommendation 17 subparagraph (c) needs to be clarified that even when hardened elevators are provided sufficient stairway exiting capacity as specified in Recommendation 17 must be provided.
- Recommendation 21 (a) clarification is needed.
- "Structurally Hardened" as defined in footnote 37 as "to withstand the range of foreseeable building ..." is too broad a statement and should be focused in order to be practical.
- Recommendation 26, clarification on the reference to ASME A17.3 is needed.

If I can be of any assistance in further clarifying the above comments, feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours

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